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Applicant : Mathias Hellwig et al.  
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Art Unit : 2661  
Examiner : Joshua A. Kading  
Title : Method for Operating a Switching System  
for Data Packets  
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Responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003 kindly  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Reply to Office Action of October 22, 2003

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.